

# Mayor's Communiqué

December 2012

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL!**



**YAQAN NUKIY**  
LOWER KOOTENAY BAND



## ***FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE***

***THE TOWN OF CRESTON HAS ACCEPTED A CHALLENGE FROM THE  
LOWER KOOTENAY BAND IN GATHERING NON-PERISHABLE  
FOOD ITEMS FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK.***

Please feel free to drop off your food item at the Town Hall.

- thank you!

I will personally be giving \$500 to this worthy cause and it is my challenge to every employed or successfully retired person that they contribute what they can.

## MISINFORMATION

It has been said that if one promotes an issue that they perceive to be *fact* enough times, some will eventually believe it to be the *truth*.

Last year a local businessman phoned me about some of his business concerns and we had an engaged 40 minute conversation. Later, this same gentleman commented on our conversation in his "letter to the editor" article. By conversing with me first, he was better armed with the facts and his comments reflected a more thorough understanding of the issues.

Alternatively, I have also read some other letters to the editor that promote ideas or issues that are not factual, feasible, nor operationally viable. I firmly believe that such publically stated positions, declared without due diligence, do more to undermine our community than to improve it. Let's remember we're all in this together.

This is my second term on Council and in this time I have come to enjoy the informed debates around the Council table and the discussions – even the difficult ones – with my constituents. As individual Council members, we don't always agree on every issue. But as a whole, Council's mandate is to participate in a shared and informed decision making process that reflects the best interests of the community.

As a citizen, I understand that one may not like all of the decisions that are made at the Council table. Fair enough. But I would encourage writers and readers alike to gather factual information from the municipality and base their opinions and commentary on those facts. Attend Council meetings. Ask the hard questions. And challenge yourselves as voting individuals to get the facts – all you have to do is ask!

My office schedule is posted and can be viewed at [www.creston.ca](http://www.creston.ca) My posted hours usually have me in my office on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. I welcome anyone to call or meet with me to discuss any municipal issues.

*Ron Toyota can be reached ...*

***I want to hear from you:***

**Please share your concerns, your experiences, and your issues (both positive and negative) on how we can improve the quality of life in our community (the Town and the Creston Valley).**

Thanks  
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